

**Minutes of the 12 March 2012**  
**Special Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners**  
**Held at 4:00 o'clock p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room**  
**Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, North Carolina**

Present for the special meeting of the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners were Chairman Johnny Riddle, Member Jill Austin, Member Dale England, Member Marvin Holland, Member Michele Presnell, County Manager Nathan Bennett, County Planner Jamie McMahan, Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, Craig Hughes and Phil Trew with High Country Council of Governments, and members of the media.

**Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda**

Chairman Riddle called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Presnell stated that she had a meeting in Asheville and asked that the order of the items on the agenda be reversed. With that change Commissioner Presnell made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holland and the vote to approve was unanimous (Attachment A).

**North Carolina License Plate Agency Discussion**

The Board first heard from County Manager Nathan Bennett. Mr. Bennett presented the board with the data that he had gathered regarding counties who operate the North Carolina License Plate Agency as a county department. Mr. Bennett stated that based on what he has seen that this is a service that is provided by the counties and would not be a large revenue source. In most situations where counties ran the license plate agency, the agency actually cost the county money (Attachment B). Mr. Bennett next presented the Board with a proposed budget for the license plate agency (Attachment C) and discussed the proposed sites for the agency. One site that is available is the library annex building. This building already is under lease by the county and could be used for the license plate agency. The other option at this time is the courthouse. Discussion followed about the pros and cons of both sites. County Manager Bennett pointed out that the courthouse now has security measures in place that would make it inconvenient for customers to come into the courthouse. Mr. Bennett also informed the Board that there was an application that must be filled out and he would need authorization to fill out that application. Upon hearing from County Manager Bennett, Commissioner Presnell made a motion to authorize the county manager to make application with NCDMV and to include both the courthouse and the library annex as potential sites. The motion was seconded by Commissioner England and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**Corridor Management Plan**


The Board next heard from Craig Hughes and Phil Trew from High Country Council of Governments. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Trew were coming before the Board to ask for permission to begin the process of having the Mount Mitchell Scenic Byway classified as a federal scenic byway. The first step of this process would be to do a survey of all of the property owners along the scenic byway. This survey would gage the interest of enhancing the corridor and protecting the intrinsic qualities of the byway. Commissioner Presnell expressed her opposition to the whole concept of the Mount Mitchell Scenic Byway because it was bad for businesses and stated that she has been against this project from the beginning. Discussion followed about the surveys and exactly who would have the opportunity to participate in the survey. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Trew stated that right now it was important to hear from the property owners but it could be opened up to others in the public later. Commissioner Presnell stated that she would love to see the results of the survey. County Planner Jamie McMahan emphasized that this was just the first step and if the byway was designated as a federal scenic byway that it could open up grants. Commissioner England stated that he would also be interested in the survey because he was a much for the byway as Commissioner Presnell was against it. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Trew stated that they needed a motion and vote by the Board to begin the survey. Chairman Riddle stated that he wanted to make sure that property owners had a voice and didn't get pushed into something that they didn't want. Upon hearing from Mr. Hughes and Mr. Trew, Commissioner England made a motion to allow the High Country Council of Governments to go ahead with the Corridor Management Plan Survey. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holland and the vote was 4-0 with Commissioner Presnell abstaining.

**Adjournment**

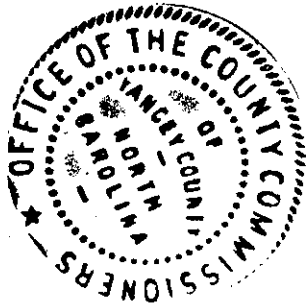
Having no further business Commissioner Holland made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner England and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.


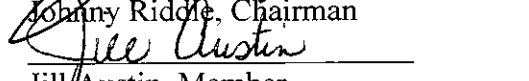
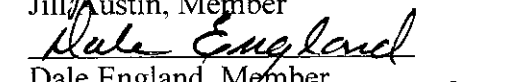

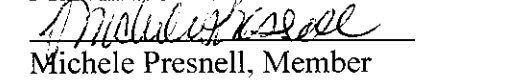
Approved and authenticated on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2012.

Attest:

  
J. Jason Robinson  
Clerk to the Board

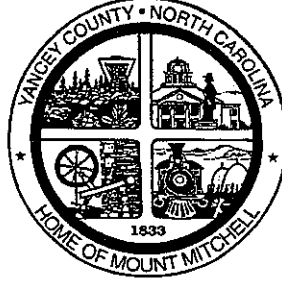
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Johnny Riddle, Chairman  
  
Jill Austin, Member  
  
Dale England, Member  
  
Marvin Holland, Member  
  
Michele Presnell, Member

*Attachment A*

COUNTY MANAGER  
Nathan Bennett



COMMISSIONERS  
Jill Austin  
Dale England  
Marvin Holland  
Michele Presnell  
Johnny Riddle

## YANCEY COUNTY

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**AGENDA**  
**YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**March 12, 2012**  
**4:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Johnny Riddle
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Corridor Management Plan for Mount Mitchell Scenic Byway – Craig Hughes, Transportation Planner, HCCOG
- IV. N.C. License Plate Agency for Yancey County – Nathan Bennett, County Manager
- V. Adjourn

**ALEXANDER COUNTY**

TOTAL REVENUES	\$68,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$126,645.00</u>
TOTAL LOSS/PROFIT	<b>-\$58,145.00</b>

**WATAUGA COUNTY**

TOTAL REVENUES	\$123,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$156,058.00</u>
TOTAL LOSS/PROFIT	<b>-\$33,058.00</b>

**MCDOWELL COUNTY**

TOTAL REVENUES	\$107,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$114,899.00</u>
TOTAL LOSS/PROFIT	<b>-\$7,399.00</b>

**MARTIN COUNTY**

TOTAL REVENUES	\$68,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$81,293.00</u>
TOTAL LOSS/PROFIT	<b>-\$12,793.00</b>

# Attachment C

## TAG OFFICE

SUPERVISOR SALARY	\$27,335.61
ASSISTANT	\$23,613.53
FICA/MEDICARE	\$3,898.00
RETIREMENT	\$3,080.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$18,403.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$3,000.00
TRAVEL/MILEAGE	\$2,000.00
TRAVEL EXPENSES	\$2,000.00
TELEPHONE	\$2,500.00
UTILITIES	\$2,300.00
POSTAGE	\$1,000.00
TRAINING	\$2,000.00
RENT	\$7,200.00
COPIER LEASE	\$4,000.00
SERVICE & MAINT CONTRACTS	\$2,000.00
BONDING	\$100.00
DUES	\$200.00
CAPITAL	\$2,000.00
TOTAL:	\$106,630.14